

HARDWICK PARISH COUNCIL
CLERK TO THE COUNCIL MRS ANN-MARIE DAVIES

Minutes of the Meeting of Hardwick Parish Council held in John Bridles Hall on Tuesday 14 January 2020 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman Richard Blacklock
Vice Chairman Garth Bickerton
Councillor Carol Wright
Councillor Amanda Tofield

County Councillor Netta Glover
District Councillor Ashley Bond
Plus 1 resident

1. **To receive apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Bowman-Shaw
2. **Declaration of interest** in items on the agenda: - None
3. **Open Forum:** The resident reported a light out opposite Chetwyne House. The Clerk would report **ACTION: AMD**

He also asked the current situation with regard to the goalposts on the green. The Chairman reported that one was broken and would be removed. The other would remain in situ for the time being.

4. **To agree the minutes** of the last meeting held on Tuesday 14 October 2019 – The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
5. **To update on matters arising** – The Clerk reminded the Chairman about the erection of the fence to house the wild meadow and to report on the estimate to tidy up the footways in the village.
6. **To receive updates** from County Councillor Netta Glover Bucks County Council and District Councillor Ashley Bond. Unitary was now only three months away with a tremendous amount of work taking place. It was hoped the adjustment would be seamless and that residents would not notice any real change. Plenty of information is available online via twitter and Facebook. The Chairman thanked County Councillor Glover for her contribution of £500 towards the creation of the wildflower meadow.

Ashley Bond, District Councillor asked if the Parish Council would be interested in supporting a new cycle path between Whitchurch and Aylesbury. He stated that he was to approach Weedon and Watermead also and if supported it was possible a bid for funding could be submitted for New Homes Bonus.

7. **To consider correspondence and other communication received since the last meeting.**
 - a) To consider response from Thames Water regarding remedial works in the village – Thames Water replied to say they are not responsible for some of the areas highlighted to them by the Clerk. Councillors named other areas which were most definitely the responsibility of Thames Water i.e. the remaining damage to the village green and opposite Maltings Cottage. The Clerk was asked to remind them Councillors were still waiting for the video footage they took whilst in the village.
ACTION: AMD
 - b) To sign the new devolution agreement for 2020-22 from BCC – Chairman Richard Blacklock and Councillor Carol Wright signed the agreement. The Clerk would send the contract back to Bucks County Council for them to sign. **ACTION: AMD**
 - c) To consider the request from Whitchurch Parish Council to include some Hardwick properties into their designated Neighbourhood Plan area – In order to meet the deadline given to them by Whitchurch Parish Council, Councillors had discussed this matter between

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meetings and agreed that Hardwick residents in Bushmead Road should not be included in the Whitchurch Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group replied to say they were disappointed but understood. The Chairman pointed out to the group that when Boundary changes were looked at in 5 year time, maybe Bushmead Road could be given further consideration.

8. **Planning:** To discuss planning applications and make recommendation, and to include those planning applications received after this agenda is published, if urgent:

- a) To receive update on our planning application 19/04501/COMM to install kerbing –The Clerk advised the group that AVDC would reach a decision on whether planning permission was required for kerbing by 28 January 2020. The Clerk was asked to contact the Contractor to advise them works may be in a position to commence in the first week of February.

ACTION: AMD

9. Highways, Footpaths and Footways

- a) To report and update on issues and repairs – The Chairman informed the group that a quote of £800 had been received from GM Outdoor Services which would see all footways sided out, all debris cleared and all kerbs unblocked in the village. Councillors supported this proposal unanimously. The Clerk would advise the Contractor. **ACTION: AMD**

Councillor Tofield updated the group on the new kissing gate. There had been hold ups and obstacles whilst dealing with teams at Bucks County Council but the upshot was that Vic Cheney would do the works required (build a bridge) and install the gate. Councillor Tofield suggested a letter of thanks be sent to the Cheney's. The Clerk would arrange.

ACTION: AMD

Councillor Tofield also reported that BCC indicated a further kissing gate could be available if needed for the area opposite the airfield by Folly Road. She would look up the name of the officer and let the Clerk know so she could forward a request. **ACTION: AT/AMD**

The Chairman referred to the proposal by District Councillor Ashley Bond for a new cycle path from Whitchurch to Aylesbury. All Councillors agreed in principle to support this initiative.

Councillor Garth Bickerton asked the group if a 'pedestrians crossing' sign could be considered for installation on the main road from the village towards Folly Farm. The Chairman thought that this had been requested once before but BCC at the time were trying to reduce 'sign clutter.' Nevertheless the Clerk was asked to invite the Local Area Technician to meet out on site to discuss. **ACTION: AMD**

Overhanging ivy from the property close to the bus shelter was impeding visibility when exiting from the village. Councillor Tofield would speak to the homeowner to ask them to cut back the vegetation. **ACTION: AT**

The bus shelter also needed cleaning. The Clerk would deal. **ACTION: AMD**

- b) Proposed kerbing works update – See 8a for details.

10. Street lighting

- a) To report and update on issues and repairs – see Open Forum for details.

11. Finance

- a) To agree accounts for September, October & November & December 2019 – all accounts were agreed.
b) To draw cheques

The Council resolved to draw the following cheques:

Cheques raised between October & January meetings: -

Ann-Marie Davies	chq 566	£541.40
AVDC	chq 567	£151.85
GM Outdoor Services	chq 568	£413.90
Aylesbury Mains	chq 569	£71.76
Graham James Lee	chq 570	£19.00

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Ann-Marie Davies chq 571 £155.00 (road space licence)

Cheques raised at January meeting:-

Ann-Marie Davies chq 572 £616.20 (Inc. planning permission fees)
Graham Lee chq 573 £90.00

- c) To consider and agree the precept for 2020/21 – Councillors agreed to keep the precept collection rate at the same rate as last year. The Clerk would advise AVDC accordingly.

ACTION: AMD

12. To report on meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council

- a) Winslow LAF - None
b) Parish Liaison Group - None

- 13. Website updates** – As requested, The Clerk reported that all minutes and agendas had been sent through to the web administrator. Councillors still had questions about supporting two domain names. The Chairman agreed to speak to the administrator for further information.

ACTION: AMD

- 14. To receive the health & safety risk assessment for the play area** – The Clerk was asked to check the date of the last annual inspection.

ACTION: AMD

The Clerk reported that she had been advised that Hardwick were unaffected by the Aylesbury Garden Town.

- 15. To agree the date of the next meeting** – 10 March 2020 & Annual Meeting was set for 12 May 2020

Signed:

Date: